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MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS**

March 16, 2016

1. Call to Order

The Board of Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to Order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2016.

2. Roll Call

The following Officers were present: Moderator Michelle Vacca, Clerk Dianne Vumback, Treasurer William T. Sisco, Tax Collector Mary Delisio, Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, Fire Chief Todd Findeisen, and Members-at-Large Holly Sisco-Bowen and Marilyn Bellesheim. Solicitor John P. Toscano, Jr. was absent.

3. Consent Calendar

(a) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen and seconded by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio to accept the minutes of February 17, 2016, and it was,

VOTED: To accept the meeting minutes of February 17, 2016.

(b) Appointment and Resignations

- **None**

4. New Business

- **Floors in Beach Facilities**
- **Discussion over the work involved to replace the flooring in the beach facilities.**
- **Rubber flooring appears to be the best option to pursue.**
- **Treasurer William Sisco suggests the Board earmark what items we are going to reduce in the budget to support the bathhouse repairs.**
- **The Moderator will contact Solicitor Toscano to go out to bid for the flooring repair. A material list will be a part of the bid package.**
- **The need for specific bids returned was discussed.**

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen that the Moderator works with

Solicitor John Toscano to put together a detailed bid request with material list for the replacement of the floors in the two bath facilities (4 bathrooms total) and make note that all bidders must provide references and certificate of liability, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That the Moderator works with Solicitor John Toscano to put together a detailed bid request with material list for the replacement of the floors in the two bath facilities (4 bathrooms total) and make note that all bidders must provide references and certificate of liability.

• 2016-2017 Budget

a. Matt Lewiss was not able to make today's meeting.

b. The April 20th meeting will be exclusive to the 2016-2017 budget to discuss in detail.

c. Properties have been reevaluated (and assessments dropped). This means the mill rate will go up to compensate for the drop in the property values.

d. Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio will explain the reevaluation/tax rate implications with the tax payers at the Annual Meeting.

5. Unfinished Business

(a) Discussion of alternative use of Haviland donation of \$7,500.00

- Possible uses could be bike racks and trash bin/recycle units.
- The Clerk will compose a letter to the Havilands to present our thoughts for the use of their generous donation.

6. Communications and Reports

(a) Report of Treasurer William T. Sisco

- See report attached regarding financials.
- We are in good shape.

(b) Report of Solicitor John P. Toscano

- Not present

(c) Report of Tax Collector Mary Z. Delisio

- A second demand letter was sent out by Solicitor John Toscano to taxpayers two or more years in arrears. The tax sale proceedings will begin March 24th should payments not be made by then. There are four accounts: Reservoir Ventures LLC, 33-41 Winnapaug Road; Ocean Beach Partners LLC in care of Barbara Stillman, 315 Atlantic Avenue; Barbara Stillman and Jason Palazzola, One Rabbit Run; Peter Caulfield, 8 Newall Terrace. Total estimated collection: \$8,683.20
- Arrears went out March 1, 2016 and have collected over \$8,000 to date.

- **Total uncollected balance (prior and current years): \$29,890.**

(d) Report of Fire Chief Todd Findeisen

- **No major incidents with fire calls; a few alarm activations**
- **Chief participated in a FEMA training along with senior town and state officials – participated in a hurricane training.**
- **Fire Truck Committee has met twice – needs assessment at the first meeting and the committee has since voted on pursuing a pumper with a 35 foot portable ladder.**
- **A third party outside agency evaluated 202 – they recommend replacement.**
- **The committee will be recommending to the Board to replace the 202.**
- **This will be organized and presented to the Board in time to include in the budget.**

(e) Report of Moderator Michelle M. Vacca

- **Two emails – regarding the daily sirens, etc.**
- **The Moderator responded to both taxpayers letters.**

7. Agenda Referrals

The following items are referred to the next Board meeting under the agenda item of New Business:

- **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 16, 2016.**

- **Discussion of the 2016-2017 Budget**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Misquamicut Fire District will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen and seconded by Member at Large Marilyn Bellesheim to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m., and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback

Clerk